SACWN, Inc.

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FLASH! SACRAMENTO HAPPENINGS!

LAMBDA CENTER'S VISION

On November 5, an open meeting was held by the Lambda Center to inform everyone of its vision to build a structure that would provide a safe, secure environment for housing, medical services, retail businesses, social activities, food service, etc. for the Sacramento area LGBT community.

This kind of project requires long range planning, and more importantly, everyone's input and assistance. If you are an architect, financial planner, grant writer, real estate professional, worker bee, you name it, and are willing to volunteer your ideas and expertise to fulfill this vision for the LGBT community, the Lambda Center would love to hear from you.

Please contact Keith Johnson, Lambda Executive Director, at 916-442-0185 or Email Keith at: exec.dir@lambda-sacramento.com, for further information. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 7, 2003 at 7:30 PM at the Lambda Center, 1927 L Street. The immediate goal is to have sufficient volunteers to form needed committees of all types to carry out this wonderful and much needed vision for all of us.

GAY GAMES - SACRAMENTO WELL REPRESENTED IN AUSTRALIA

(from an article by Peter Hacker 365Gay.com Newscenter in Sydney)

Sacramento had 40 participants in the Gay Games. They were among the 38,000 people who filled Sydney's Aussie Stadium to capacity Saturday night for the Opening Ceremonies of the sixth Gay Games.

They laughed, they sang, they cheered and they cried during the three-hour extravaganza. The theme of the Opening Ceremonies was "Fabulous", and director Ignatius Jones assured that it was.

The Games were officially declared open by the Queen's representative in New South Wales, Marie Bashir, after an emotional speech by High Court Justice Michael Kirby who received a standing ovation from the crowd when he took to the stage.

Justice Kirby said the Games had an important message for the world. "At a time when there is so much fear and danger, anger and destruction, this event represents an alternative vision for humanity. Ours is a world of love, questing to find the common links that bind all people. We are here because, whatever our sexuality, we believe that the days of exclusion are numbered."

Some 12,000 competitors from 80 nations participated in the games, the largest sporting event Sydney has hosted since the 2000 Olympics.

To find out the results of different sports, etc., go to the website www.sydney2002.org.au

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While I was searching the Gay Games website, I found that our famous lesbian dance couple, Kilee Cooper and Camille Wojtasiak, received a fifth place in the Women's A Grade Latin Dance category.

Way to go, ladies!!

SACWN IS LOOKING FOR A GOOD WOMAN

Do you have those wonderful accounting skills that can help our organization keep track of expenses?

If so, SACWN needs you to be our new treasurer.

If you're interested, please contact us at 916-451-8034 or Email SACWN1@aol.com

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THE SACWN MISSION

SACWN's mission is to provide lesbians with social activities in a safe environment, a supportive network, and resources to link our diverse community.

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SACWN NEWSLETTER POLICY

This newsletter is entirely dependent on volunteers.

In order to be included in the next newsletter, material must arrive in our mailbox or at my e-mail address by the tenth of the month (sharonju@sbcglobal.net). We encourage submissions (e.g. Letters to the Editor, news items, photos, etc.) Please type submissions and include your name and phone number for verification. Submissions by Email are especially encouraged.

FREE ADS: This section is for selling things of a personal nature, advertising for a roommate or finding a lost love. These ads are FREE to SACWN members who are advertising for personal use (no business advertising in this section).

BUSINESS ADS: Camera-ready ads are $60 per business card size ads must be prepaid. Ads are based on 12-month/six issues per year. For more info, please contact Sharon at 916-483-8730.

CONFIDENTIALITY: SACWN takes the following precautions to insure the privacy of its members:

1. The mailing list is never sold or lent to anyone--even other women's groups or inquiring lesbians.

2. The newsletter is always sent first class, rather than at the cheaper bulk rate.

3. Each newsletter is addressed to a specific subscriber, not to a "resident" or "household".

4. Newsletters are not sent to individual men.

~~Women who want to participate in the operation of SACWN are encouraged to contact any of the committee coordinators listed to the left.

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Invitation to SACWN General Meeting

We will be having a General Meeting followed by a Steering Committee meeting on the first Thursday in January (January 9) and the first Thursday in February (February 6). We meet at the Lambda Center located at 1927 L St. Our meetings start at 7 PM. Come and find out what's going on and give your ideas and input to help our organization become stronger and continue to be a reflection of our members' interests.

Your input is important to us. If you have suggestions but can't be at the meetings, send an Email to SACWN1@aol.com with your ideas.

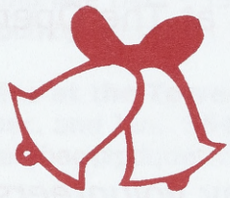
SACWN'S HOLIDAY SOCIAL

Saturday, December 7th

At Faces

5:30 pm until 8:00 pm

Music by Roni Trio
Followed by
Country music and dancing at 8:00



Come join the SACWN Steering Committee and members in celebrating the Holiday Season. Everyone is invited and welcome. Meet old and new friends!!

Valentine Dance

Saturday, Feb. 8, 2003

7 pm until Midnight

2003 Howe Ave.

$25.00

(Includes live band for dancing,
hors d'oeuvres & no host bar)

Watch for your personal invitation through the mail. Order your tickets early through SACWN by filling out the form below or pick up tickets at The Open Book.

All SACWN events are run by volunteers, and we are always looking for energetic women to help out. Call Kelli @284-8519.

Name:
Address;
City: Zip Code:
Phone:
Number of Tickets:
Amount Enclosed:

Special Interest Groups (SIGS) Bulletin

SACWN's SIGs are small, friendly groups of women who get together monthly (or more often) to share activities of mutual interest. New members are always welcome, so we encourage you to call the contact person listed to find out what activities are being planned.

If you are interested in forming a Special Interest Group (SIG), please contact Kelli at: 916-631-7261 with your ideas. You could share a favorite hobby or interest with other women.

Rainbow Campers

Join SACWN's Rainbow Campers for a weekend of camaraderie! RV, tent and car campers are welcome. To attend a Rainbow Campers' event, call the RV park at the number provided to make your own reservations. Many parks fill up months in advance so make your reservations early! Then, contact the Wagon Master listed for the trip to let her know you are planning to attend so she can greet you, share information about the Saturday night potluck and let you know about any activities that may be planned for that weekend.

Rainbow campers won't be camping again until March. If you're interested in being part of the planning group to decide on our camping sites for 2003, call Joyce at (916) 987-1069. The meeting will be held some time between November and February.

Seasoned Singles (new!)

Seasoned Singles is for single women over the age of 50, who live in the greater Sacramento area. Our focus is to provide activities through which we can socialize. For more information, call Mary at 395-4147 or Email seasonedsingles@webtv.net or Judie at JAZ@softcom.net

December 7, Saturday. We will start with dinner followed by SACWN's Holiday Social at Faces from 5:30-8pm. There will be the Roni Trio for mellow music until 8 PM. Then country music and dancing as usual is scheduled at Faces. Contact person is Mary. (see above)

January 12, Sunday at 1 PM. Tables Games at Mary Ann's home in Rancho Cordova. Just getting there to chat will work, too. Bring a snack to share and drinks for yourself. Judi is the contact person - 456-6843 or sacto@juno.com.

January 26, Sunday. A Super Bowl Party. For further information contact Brence after Nov. 15th at 451-4757 or active60gal@yahoo.com.

Below is a list of contact volunteers for "on going" information regarding events:

B Street Theater: Kathleen, 359-5737 or katmomma@winfirst.com.

Women's Concerts: Mary, 395-4147 or seasonedsingles@webtv.net

Lambda Players Productions and DIVA/Sac. Women's Chorus Performances: Jean, starting late Dec. - 539-1793 or Tarabud2@aol.com

Movies at the Tower: Sandy for Dec. and Jan. 564-6499 or grocerybag@pdqnet.com

Sports: Contact Brence after Nov. 15 at 451-4757 or Email active60gal.@yahoo.com.

Poetry: Contact Rama after Nov. 428-7724 or Djerma@aol.com. Inquire about her web page.

Cabaret: Rosie, 442-7143.

Lavender Library: Gayle Lang, 492-0558 or Gaylelang2@aol.com.

Top 10

Top 10 is for women over fifty and for women who love women over fifty. Each month we get together for a meal at a local restaurant or for special at-home potlucks. To receive a schedule of any future Top 10 events, Email Dee at: SweetDee2M@accessbee.com

December 21, Saturday at 1 PM Join our traditional Top Ten Holiday celebration at Dot and Betty's home. We will have a white elephant gift exchange so bring your "white elephant". Also, please bring a potluck dish to share and bring your own drinks. RSVP to Dot and Betty at 456-2577 or send Email to koswe@prodigy.net.

January 19, Sunday at 1 PM. This will be Table Games Day. Bring a snack to share and your own drinks. RSVP to Mary at 495-4147 or send Email to marystoschke@webtv.net.

The Top Ten Group would like to thank Mary for organizing all of our functions over the last year. We are grateful to have such energetic and organized volunteers. Thanks so much, Mary.

Newcomers

Are you new to SACWN, new to the area or just want to meet new people? Then the Newcomers Group is for you! Call Nancy at 452-6007.

SIGS +
(Special Interest Groups)

Fool House Poker Group

Feeling lucky? Then join us for a friendly game of poker on the 2nd Friday of every month. Novice players welcome. I guarantee you'll have a good time. For game time and location, call Gretchen - 916-922-6287 or Mary - 916-723-5269.

Women's Music

Are you interesed in women's music? Do you want to support women musicians who have been involved in the women's movement for many years while having a good time? We will be going to live performances of women's music in Northern California. All are welcome to join and enjoy the pleasures that listening to great music can bring. If you are interested in joining us or if you just want to know what performances are coming up, call Pat: 916-443-2981. Make sure you ask for Pat, please! You can also e-mail Pat at pwood314@yahoo.

Arts and Entertainment

From local activities such as the Second Saturday Art Walk to a show in the Bay Area, we enjoy a variety of entertainment. It's great fun and you can reconnect with old friends and/or meet a new friend. If you are interested in participating or in coordinating events, contact Sharon at (916) 483-8730. To have the latest updates sent to you by Email, just send your Email address to: sharonju@sbcglobal.net and indicate your desire to be on the A&E Email list.

This Coupon Good For

One Hug.

Share with a Friend

Women's Healing Circle (new!)

This group is for those interested in their spiritual and/or healing path. Learn about different spiritual practices. Anyone interested, please contact Sharon at (916) 448-4324 or Email Sharon at: Sharon5248@aol.com.

Half-Fast Hiking Group

This is a well-organized, friendly group of serious hikers who know how to have fun. We are in our sixth successful year of day-hiking with hikes scheduled once per month all year long. We walk at a comfortable pace and usually average about five miles round trip on hikes that are rated "easy" to "moderate". All newcomers will receive a warm welcome!

Please join us for the time of your life! For a calendar of this year's events and an information sheet, call Marta at **456-9312.**

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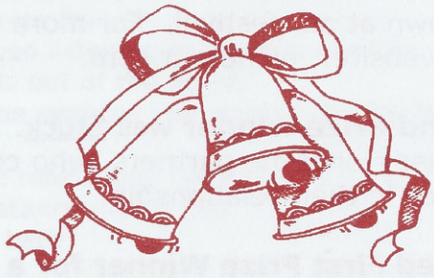
SACWN Calendar and More

SACWN Holiday Social
Saturday, December 7th
(First Saturday in December)
5:30pm until 8:00pm
At Faces
(See enclosed flyer)



SACWN Valentine's Day Dance
Saturday, February 8
2003 Howe Ave.
(between Arden Way and El Camino)
7 PM until Midnight

Real Women Project
January 20-22, 2003
This project helps women realize and celebrate their inherent beauty, dignity and capacity for transformation.
(See page 8 for more information.)

See the exhibit of sculptures at the California Science Center
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NEW!

SACWN Business Group Forming...

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would like to increase your business contact
have an invention and need feedback,
are looking to make a career change,
want to share experiences
want to reach new goals,
this group may be what you have been looking for!

"I'm not here to make a living,
I'm here to make a difference."
Helice Bridges

Please plan on joining us in determining the form and direction of this new and exciting group for women. For information please call Kelli @ 284-8519.

There are many different languages for love. Pay attention to the language someone else is using. Then love them in the way they recognize that they're loved, instead of the way you would prefer to be loved. Talk their languge of love.
--Mary Manin Morrissey--

A LITTLE BIT OF THIS AND THAT
In the Community +

Sacramento Area Rainbow Families

Sacramento Area Rainbow Families

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender families with children - there is now a group for you in Sacramento.

Sacramento Area Rainbow Families is hosting it's first annual Winter Festivus Potluck Gathering featuring good food, sing-a-long (non-religious), cookie decorating for the children and good company on December 14th from 11am-1pm. Please RSVP by December 7th for details and directions to sacarearainbowfamilies@yahoo.com or call Tina at 916.739.0101.

Families was formed to support the needs of GLB&T-headed families in the greater Sacramento Area. We meet for social and educational events throughout the year. Membership is $25 per family per year.

Please join us!

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Real Women Project

(Celebrated from January 20-22)

The Real Women Project illustrates that health and vitality are related to self-esteem and are not solely dependent on medical intervention. It inspires people to act on their own behalf for their own health. It reinforces the need to respond to others in a community of caring, and to reshape public values and perceptions regarding physical beauty and inner well being.

Rooted in the belief that self-acceptance is the foundation for mental, physical and spiritual health, the Real Women Project uses sculptures, poetry, video, music and storytelling to inspire dialogue and self-awareness, to broaden our definition of beauty and to deepen our understanding of well-being.

To see the inspiring sculptures and other art-go to their website: www.realwomenproject.org.

The Third Annual PlanetOut.com Short Movie Awards.

Did you have an opportunity to see a few of the Fairy Flicks from the Sacramento International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival (SIGLFF)? Well, if you enjoyed those movies, you might want to check out the short movies that have received awards from PlanetOut.com. Some of these were shown at our festival. For more details, go to their website: planetout.com.

The **Grand Prize winner** was Stuck. It's about two women, longtime partners, who come to a crossroads in their relationship.

The **Juried First Prize Winner for a drama** was The Confession. A dying man's request to see a priest, against his partner's wishes, results in confrontations about commitment and faith.

Another **Juried First Prize winner - a documentary -** was Losing Lois. A look at a woman who was denied a pension after her lesbian partner was killed in the line of duty.

For Animation a Juried First Prize was given to Ladies' Tea. A humorous look at the patterns that occur over the course of a ladies' tea dance.

The **Audience Award Winner** went to Safe Journey. A street kid and a brokenhearted man forge an unlikely friendship.

Another **Audience Award Winner** was Madonnalogue. A quirky, bittersweet exploration of Madonna's impact on gay men, particularly the filmmaker.

The **Comedy production that was the Juried First prize Winner and Audience Award Winner** was Interviews with My Next Girlfriend. Nine candidates, one position.

The **Experimental Film winner.** Historia de amor en bano publico (Love Story in a Public Restroom) received the Juried First Prize Winner

Items Of Interest

Since it's the season for sharing, I wanted to share these comforting thoughts with everyone. I hope they bring you great comfort. Sharon

* Falling in love.
* Laughing so hard your face hurts.
* A hot shower.
* No lines at the Super Wal-Mart.
* A special glance.
* Getting mail.
* Taking a drive on a pretty road.
* Hearing your favorite song on the radio.
* Lying in bed listening to the rain outside.
* Hot towels out of the dryer.
* Finding the sweater you want is on sale for half price.
* Chocolate milkshake. (or vanilla!)
* A long distance phone call.
* A bubble bath.
* Giggling.
* A good conversation.
* Finding a $20 bill in your coat from last winter.
* Laughing at yourself.
* Midnight phone calls that last for hours.
* Running through sprinklers.
* Laughing for absolutely no reason at all.
* Having someone tell you that you're beautiful.
* Laughing at an inside joke.
* Friends.
* Accidentally overhearing someone say something nice about you.
* Your first kiss.
* Making new friends or spending time with old ones.
* Playing with a new puppy or kitten.
* Having someone play with your hair.
* Sweet dreams.
* Hot chocolate.
* Swinging on swings.
* Song lyrics printed inside your new CD so you can sing along without feeling stupid.
* Going to a really good concert.
* Making eye contact with a cute stranger.
* Winning a really competitive game.
* Making chocolate chip cookies.
* Having your friends send you homemade cookies.
* Spending time with close friends.
* Seeing smiles and hearing laughter from your friends.
* Holding hands with someone you care about.
* Watching the statement on someone's face as they open a much desired present from you.
* Watching the sunrise.
* Getting out of bed every morning and thanking God for another beautiful day.

Certified Farmers' Markets of Sacramento 2002-2003 Season

Do you love fresh, California-grown produce that comes directly from the farmer? Then come to one of these markets and have the best for your dining pleasure.

Help support our farmers. By supporting our local farmers, we can continue to enjoy these wonderful products.

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8 am to Noon
Sunrise Blvd.
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EVERY SATURDAY
open all year

State Parking Lot
8 am to Noon
8th and W Streets
(under freeway)
EVERY SUNDAY
open all year

Chavez Plaza
10 am to 2 pm
10th and J Streets
(Front of City Hall)
EVERY WEDNESDAY
Open May thru Nov.

Country Club Centre
8 am to 11:30 am
El Caminot & Watt
(Front of Wards)
EVERY TUESDAY
Open May thru Nov.

Roosevelt Park
9:30 am to 1:30 pm
9th and P St.
(Around Park)
EVERY TUESDAY
Open May thru Oct.

Florin Mall
8 am to 11:30 am
Florin Rd. Parking Lot
(Front of Sears)
EVERY THURSDAY
open all year

Downtown Plaza
10 am to 2 pm
4th and K Streets
(Between Macy's & Holiday Inn)
EVERY THURSDAY & FRIDAY
Opens June 13 thru September

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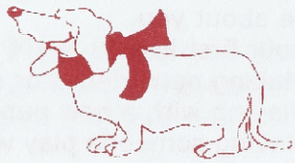

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Waiver: I am aware that certain risks or injuries could occur arising from my participation in SACWN, Inc. events and/or special interest groups. In consideration of the right to participate in such events, some of which may involve strenuous activity (i.e. hiking, golfing, skiing, cycling, etc.) I hereby assume all risks and will hold SACWN, Inc. and its members harmless from all liability which may arise in connection with these activities.

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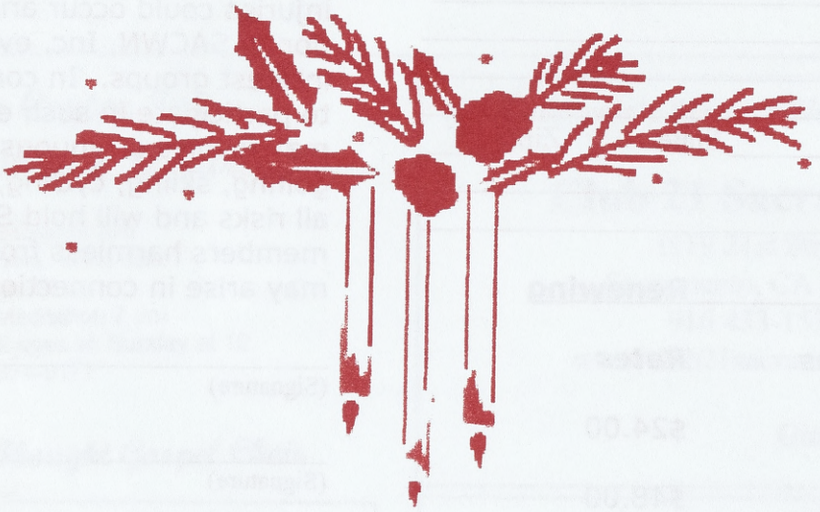

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